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about seven kilometers inside the USSR side of the border, a single line of DOT's (Dolgovremennaya Ognevaya Tochka - reinforced steel and cement pill boxes). The DOT's were large enough to house a rifle platoon of 30-35 EM. These DOT's were spaced at distances of 1½ to 3 km.

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these DOT's were part of a fortified district running along the Lithuanian-German border, built by the USSR in 1941, just before Germany invaded the USSR. I saw only these DOT's; I saw no minefields, tank ditches, tank traps (dragon teeth), barbed wire fences, or barricades.

2. In discussing these DOT's with other officers, I heard that they were very ineffective in World War II; they were bypassed by the Germans, and the Soviet army troops manning them found themselves marooned and either had to fight their way back to Soviet units or surrender to the Germans.

3. I heard that in the East, the USSR had strongly fortified districts. Construction of these fortified districts was started before 1936 and figured in the battle with Japanese troops in the Chalchingov area in 1936 and in the Chasan Lake area in 1937. Construction of fortified areas in the Far East was stepped up in 1940 and reached its peak in 1942, when Hitler was before Moscow and the government expected a Japanese invasion in the Far East. I never saw these fortified districts, and my information is based on hearsay only. I heard that these fortified areas had a depth of five-seven kilometers, and had minefields, barricades, pill boxes, dragon teeth, tank ditches, etc.

4. There were no fortified districts along the Turkmen-Afghanistan Border area.

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